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- The North Dakota Department of Health reported October 20 that Oasis Petroleum North America, LLC was unable to regain control of a well after workers lost control October 17, causing tens of thousands of gallons of oil and saltwater to spill. – *KXMC 13 Minot; Associated Press* (See item [1](#))
- Over 2,000 people were evacuated October 19 from a Smithfield Packing Plant in North Carolina after part of the ceiling fell into the building. – *WECT 6 Wilmington* (See item [12](#))
- Colorado-based Good Food Concepts issued a voluntary recall for about 12,566 pounds of beef, pork, and poultry products October 18 due to misbranding and production without thorough analysis and control. – *U.S. Department of Agriculture* (See item [14](#))
- U.S. officials announced October 19 that Millennium Health agreed to pay \$256 million to resolve allegations that the company billed health care programs for unnecessary urine and drug testing, among other charges. – *U.S. Department of Justice* (See item [16](#))

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Energy Sector

1. ***October 20, KXMC 13 Minot; Associated Press*** – (North Dakota) **Oil, brine spill in ND after workers lose control of well.** The North Dakota Department of Health reported October 20 that Oasis Petroleum North America, LLC has been unable to regain control of a well in Mountrail County after workers lost control of the well October 17, causing tens of thousands of gallons of saltwater and oil to spill. Crews were able to recover 73,920 gallons of oil and 84,000 gallons of saltwater by October 18, and are continuing efforts to remove the fluids from the well site.
Source: <http://www.wday.com/news/3864585-oil-brine-spill-nd-after-workers-lose-control-well>
2. ***October 19, Associated Press; Knoxville News Sentinel*** – (National) **New federal coal ash regulations going into effect.** Utilities are required to control coal ash that is blown by wind and routinely inspect coal ash ponds and landfills in new Federal regulations that went into effect October 19. The regulations were prompted by a 2008 environmental disaster caused by the release of 5.4 million cubic yards of sludge from a storage pond at the Tennessee Valley Authorities' Kingston Fossil Plant that damaged homes, polluted the Emory River, and required a \$1 billion clean up.
Source: <http://www.wrcbtv.com/story/30294711/new-federal-coal-ash-regulations-going-into-effect>

Chemical Industry Sector

3. ***October 19, Salinas Californian*** – (California) **20 salad workers hospitalized in chemical spill.** Officials reported October 19 that a chemical spill at a Taylor Farms processing plant sent 20 employees to area hospitals October 15 after a worker reported “a strong smell of chlorine” at its Tracy, California facility. The cause of the spill was attributed to mixing acetic acid and chlorine.
Source: <http://www.thecalifornian.com/story/news/my-planet/2015/10/19/salad-workers-hospitalized-chemical-spill/74244700/>

Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

Nothing to report

Critical Manufacturing Sector

Nothing to report

Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

Financial Services Sector

4. ***October 20, Cranston Patch*** – (Rhode Island) **“Ponytail Bandit” pleads guilty to**

bank robbery spree. The suspect believed to be the “Ponytail Bandit” pleaded guilty October 16 to charges connected to 4 Providence and Cranston Citizen’s and Sovereign bank branch robberies in February 2013.

Source: <http://patch.com/rhode-island/cranston/ponytail-bandit-pleads-guilty-bank-robbery-spree-0>

5. ***October 19, Reuters* – (National) UBS to pay \$17.5 mln in SEC settlement over fund’s strategy change.** U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission officials announced October 19 that UBS AG agreed to pay \$17.5 million to settle allegations that UBS Willow Management, a joint venture between UBS Fund Advisor and Bond Street Capital, failed to notify investors of a shift to investing in credit default swaps in 2008 – 2009, leading to significant losses that eventually led to the UBS Willow Fund LLC’s liquidation in 2012.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/10/19/ubs-ag-sec-settlement-idUSL1N12J1PG20151019>

Transportation Systems Sector

6. ***October 20, KTRK 13 Houston* – (Texas) Overturned concrete mixer shuts down 59 Southwest Freeways at Williams Way.** All outbound lanes of 59 Southwest Freeway were shut down at Williams Way in Sugar Land, Texas, for several hours October 20 after a semi-truck hauling cement overturned and spilled its load onto the freeway.
Source: <http://abc13.com/traffic/overturned-concrete-mixer-shuts-down-southwest-freeway/1041847/>
7. ***October 19, Fox News* – (National) Feds to require drone registration after close calls.** The U.S. Government announced October 19 that registration of drone aircraft will be required for all buyers, including consumers and hobbyists, to address the growing number of reported close calls and incidents that pose safety risks. The Federal Aviation Administration and the U.S. Department of Transportation are setting up a 25-to-30-member task force, including government and industry officials and hobbyists, which will recommend which drones should be required to register and which should be exempt.
Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2015/10/19/faa-to-announce-drone-regulations/>
8. ***October 19, Los Angeles Times* – (California) Southwest flight makes emergency landing at LAX after passenger ‘choked’ woman.** A Southwest Airlines flight headed to San Francisco turned around and made an emergency landing in Los Angeles October 18 due to a physical altercation by one passenger against another. Law enforcement removed 1 passenger upon landing while the remaining 136 passengers continued their journey.
Source: <http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-southwest-passenger-attack-20151019-story.html>
9. ***October 19, Miami Herald* – (Florida) Man struck and killed by Amtrak train; Tri-Rail commuters should expect delays.** A man trespassing on tracks south of the

Golden Glades Tri-Rail station was struck and killed by an Amtrak train October 19, causing significant delays for Tri-Rail trains while officials investigated the incident. Source: <http://www.miamiherald.com/news/local/community/miami-dade/article40249626.html>

10. ***October 19, WTOP 103.5 FM Washington D.C.*** – (Virginia) **All lanes of Richmond Highway reopen.** All lanes of U.S.1/Richmond Highway south of Alexandria, Virginia, reopened October 19 after being shut down for several hours while crews replaced a downed power pole.
Source: <http://wtop.com/fairfax-county/2015/10/richmond-highway-may-be-closed-into-afternoon/slide/1/>

Food and Agriculture Sector

11. ***October 20, San Jose Mercury News*** – (California) **San Jose restaurant closed after outbreak of food poisoning.** The Santa Clara County Public Health Department closed the Mariscos San Juan restaurant October 18 after receiving reports that 30 patrons became ill, 11 of which were sent to intensive care units for Shigella. Officials advised customers who ate at the restaurant to see a doctor.
Source: http://www.mercurynews.com/crime-courts/ci_28994650/san-jose-restaurant-closed-after-outbreak-food-poisoning
12. ***October 20, WECT 6 Wilmington*** – (North Carolina) **Smithfield Packing plant evacuated after part of ceiling collapses.** A Bladen County official reported October 19 that over 2,000 people were evacuated from the Smithfield Packing Plant after part of the ceiling fell from its Tar Heel, North Carolina facility, causing the plant to stop its production for an indeterminate amount of time. No injuries were reported and Smithfield Foods is working to fix the roof.
Source: <http://wncc.com/2015/10/19 smithfield-packing-plant-evacuated-after-part-of-ceiling-collapses/>
13. ***October 19, U.S. Department of Labor*** – (Michigan) **OSHA cites US Fish and Wildlife Service for serious, repeated violations at Pendills Creek National Fish Hatchery.** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration issued notices of unsafe and unhealthy working conditions to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service October 6 including 11 serious, 1 repeated and 1 other-than-serious violation following an inspection that revealed employees at Pendills Creek National Fish Hatchery faced atmospheric, water, amputation, and asbestos hazards while working in tanks and pits at its Brimley Fish Hatchery facility.
Source:
https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=28920
14. ***October 18, U.S. Department of Agriculture*** – (Colorado; New Mexico) **Good Food concepts recalls beef, pork, and poultry products produced without a fully implemented HACCP plan, and misbranded.** Colorado Springs-based Good Food Concepts issued a voluntary recall for approximately 12,566 pounds of beef, pork, and

poultry products October 18 after a food safety assessment revealed the products were produced without a fully implemented Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points plan and were misbranded to include undeclared sodium nitrite. The items were produced from October 16, 2014 – October 16, 2015 and shipped to retail locations in Colorado and New Mexico.

Source: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/recalls-and-public-health-alerts/recall-case-archive/archive/2015/recall-127-2015-release>

Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

15. ***October 20, KTVI 2 St. Louis*** – (Missouri) **90,000 gallons of sewage spills into River des Peres.** The Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District reported that crews discovered a blocked sewer main that caused an estimated 90,000 gallons of sewage to enter the River des Peres in St. Louis October 19. Officials issued a water advisory for more than a mile-long stretch of the River des Peres.

Source: <http://fox2now.com/2015/10/20/sewage-discharged-into-river-des-peres/>

For another story, see item **1**

Healthcare and Public Health Sector

16. ***October 19, U.S. Department of Justice*** – (National) **Millennium Health agrees to pay \$256 million to resolve allegations of unnecessary drug and genetic testing and illegal remuneration to physicians.** The U.S. Department of Justice announced October 19 that Millennium Health agreed to pay \$256 million in a settlement resolving alleged violations of the False Claims Act after officials reportedly found that the company falsely billed Medicare, Medicaid, and other Federal health care programs for medically unnecessary urine drug and genetic testing, in addition to providing physicians with free items for referring laboratory testing to the company between 2008 and 2015. The company also entered into a corporate integrity agreement (CIA) with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services-Office of Inspector General as part of the settlement terms.

Source: <http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/millennium-health-agrees-pay-256-million-resolve-allegations-unnecessary-drug-and-genetic>

Government Facilities Sector

17. ***October 19, KATC 3 Lafayette*** – (Louisiana) **School bus overturns on Bourque Road near Johnston Street.** Ten L. Leo Elementary School students were transported to an area hospital with injuries October 19 after a failure on their school bus caused the bus to slide and overturn on Bourque Road in Lafayette Parish.

Source: <http://www.katc.com/story/30299843/school-bus-overturns-on-bourque-road-near-johnston-street>

Emergency Services Sector

18. ***October 19, CNN*** – (Ohio) **Ohio delays executions until 2017.** The Ohio Department

of Rehabilitation and Correction announced October 19 that all scheduled executions of about a dozen inmates will be delayed until 2017 due to difficulties obtaining the drugs necessary to carry out the court ordered executions. Officials stated that the delay is a result of supply and distribution restrictions.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2015/10/19/us/ohio-executions-delay/>

Information Technology Sector

19. ***October 20, Securityweek*** – (International) **Vulnerabilities found in HP ArcSight products.** HP began releasing security updates addressing vulnerabilities in HP's ArcSight products, including an authentication bypass flaw in the ArcSight Logger interface in which a remote authenticated user without permissions could conduct searches through the Simple Object Access Protocol (SOAP) interface, improper restriction of excessive authentication attempts which could allow brute force attacks on the SOAP interface, and an insufficient compartmentalization vulnerability which could allow a user to escalate privileges to root.
Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/vulnerabilities-found-hp-arcsight-products>
20. ***October 20, Softpedia*** – (International) **Malware disguises as Google Chrome browser clone.** Security researchers from PCRisk and Malwarebytes discovered a new Web browser designed to mimic Google Chrome called eFast, which delivers adware and malware and hijacks file and Uniform Resource Locator (URL) associations on infected systems. The application is based on the Chromium open source browser.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/malware-disguises-as-a-google-chrome-browser-clone-494906.shtml>
21. ***October 20, Help Net Security*** – (International) **250+ iOS apps offered on Apple's App Store found slurping user data.** Security researchers from SourceDNA and Purdue University discovered that over 250 Apple App Store applications are built on a software development kit (SDK) that uses private application program interfaces (APIs) to gather user and device information, despite Apple disallowing the practice. Apple has removed an unspecified number of apps and Youmi, the China-based mobile advertising company that created the SDK is working with the company to resolve the issue.
Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=19001>
22. ***October 20, Help Net Security*** – (International) **A slew of LTE 4G vulnerabilities endanger Android users and mobile carriers.** Researchers from Carnegie Mellon University's Computer Emergency Response Team Coordination Center reported that carriers and users of Long-Term Evolution (LTE 4G) devices are vulnerable to issues that may result in loss of privacy, data spoofing, incorrect billing, and denial-of-service (DoS) attacks due to LTE networks' reliance on packet switching and the Internet Protocol (IP) schema versus circuit switching used in previous generations.
Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=19000>
23. ***October 20, Help Net Security*** – (International) **1 in 4 organizations have experienced an APT.** ISACA released findings from a study surveying over 660 cybersecurity

professionals revealing that about 28 percent of those surveyed have experienced an attack from an advanced persistent threat (APT), that mobile device security continues to be an issue, and that most organizations tend to focus on technical controls instead of education and training when most APT attacks tend to employ social engineering, among other findings.

Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=18998>

24. *October 20, The Register* – (International) **Sites cling to a million flawed, fading SHA-1 certificates: Netcraft.** Security researchers from Netcraft reported that over a million organizations are still using Secure Hash Algorithm 1 (SHA-1) certificates, that 120,000 were issued this year, and that another 250,000 surveyed are scheduled to live past 2017, despite documented weaknesses in the algorithm's security.
Source:
http://www.theregister.co.uk/2015/10/20/sites_cling_to_a_million_flawed_fading_sha1_certificates_netcraft/
25. *October 19, SC Magazine* – (International) **Flaws in LibreSSL could open Web servers to attack.** Security researchers from Qualys discovered memory leak and buffer overflow vulnerabilities in all versions of LibreSSL which could allow attackers to create a denial-of-service (DoS) condition or execute arbitrary code. LibreSSL is a fork of the Open Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) library intended as a replacement after the Heartbleed vulnerability was discovered in Open SSL's code, and the vulnerabilities were reportedly addressed in subsequent updates.
Source: <http://www.scmagazineuk.com/flaws-in-libressl-could-open-web-servers-to-attack/article/447976/>

Internet Alert Dashboard

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Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Web site: <http://www.it-isac.org>

Communications Sector

See item [22](#)

Commercial Facilities Sector

26. *October 20, Boston Globe* – (Massachusetts) **About 40 displaced after Chinatown blaze.** Boston fire officials reported October 19 that about 40 residents were displaced from a Boston apartment and business building and 2 were injured after a fire began in an electrical short circuit located in the ceiling of a second-floor bathroom. The fire caused an estimated \$700,000 in damages.
Source: <https://www.bostonglobe.com/metro/2015/10/19/chinatown-fire-forces-evacuate/JfEzo5JayzhqIRyBIECI8I/story.html>

27. *October 19, KVUE 24 Austin* – (Texas) **Two of three firefighters injured battling fire released from hospital.** Dry Creek West Condos in Austin, Texas, sustained extensive damage October 18 after a fire destroyed 14 units, injured 3 firefighters, and caused \$2 million in damages. About 90 firefighters contained the incident and an investigation is ongoing to determine the cause of the fire.

Source: <http://www.kvue.com/story/news/local/2015/10/18/apartment-fire-in-central-austin/74173404/>

28. *October 19, Waxahachie Daily Light* – (Texas) **2-alarm fire causes hotel evacuation.** An October 19 fire prompted the evacuation of 35 hotel rooms from a Comfort Inn and Suites in Red Oak, Texas October 19 after the fire was reportedly seen in the laundry room. Fire crews extinguished the flames and the cause of the fire is under investigation.

Source: <http://www.waxahachietx.com/article/20151019/NEWS/151019391>

Dams Sector

29. *October 20, Keene Sentinel* – (New Hampshire) **Swanzey Lake to be lowered this week for dam repairs.** East Swanzey officials announced that its annual plans to lower Swanzey Lake beginning around October 22 will be more extensive, and will include intentions to survey the lake's dam and repair a leak that was discovered in August. Source: http://www.sentinelsource.com/swanzey-lake-to-be-lowered-this-week-for-dam-repairs/article_2bc49a49-3407-5946-842d-338b660c2bab.html



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